shares to M/s Bata (BN) B. V. Amsterdam, Netherlands, which is said to be a 100 per cent subsidiary and a nominee of M/s. Leader A. G., St. Moritz, Switzerland at a premium of Rs. 25 per share. It is stated in the petition that M/s. Leader A. G., St. Moritz, Switzerland presently holds 40 per cent shares in Bata India Limited and will continue to hold 40% equity shares in the company. Bata (BN) B. V. Amsterdam, Netherlands which presently does not hold any equity in Bata India Limited, will hold 11% of the new equity shares on completion of formalities with regard to purported allotment of 47,14,000 new shares. The petition, is pending before the Company Law Board.

Wind Energy Generating Sites

85. SHRI RAJUBHAI A. PARMAR :
SHRI SURESH KALMADI :
SHRI GOVINDRAO ADIK :

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have identified over 100 sites with a potential of generating 2500 MW of Electricity through Wind Energy in Gujarat, Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka and Kerala ;

(b) if so, the details of the proposed project to be set up in Gujarat and by when such a project is likely to be set up ;

(c) whether Government propose to involve private sector and also foreign companies for the purpose ; and

(d) if so, the details of the Private Sector and foreign companies which are interested to undertake the work ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR) : (a) Under the Wind Resource Assessment Programme undertaken by the Government, 51 potential sites have already been identified in Gujarat, Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka and Kerala. It is estimated that there are over 100 potential sites in the coastal and the interior areas of these States, which have a potential of about 2500 MW of wind power.

(b) to (d) The generation of power by wind is being given a market orientation with active participation of private sector to make it commercially viable and sustainable. Bulk of the wind power development is expected to be in the private sector with financial assistance through IREDA under World Bank Line of Credit and other bilateral assistance. The private sector is also interested in setting up of joint ventures with foreign companies.

Gujarat Government have received applications from 35 private industries for a total capacity of 268 MW of wind power in the State. A Letter of Intent for an aggregate capacity of 178.5 MW has been issued by the Government of Andhra Pradesh for private sector wind farm projects, which includes a capacity of 105 MW in the joint venture. Karnataka Government has also identifiel projects of 25 MW capacity in the private sector.

Solar Thermal Power Plants in Gujarat

86. SHRI RAJUBHAI A. PARMAR : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government propose to set up any solar thermal power plant in Gujarat during the Eighth Five Year Plan period ;

(b) if so, the details of the proposed plant ot be set up in the State and the capacity of the same ;

(c) the place identified for the purpose and the time by which such a project is proposed to be set up ; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefore ?

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